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| For: FORMATS FOR OPTICAL ANALYSIS AND METHODS OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME | Examiner: Christine T. Mui |

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Mail Stop Amendment (via EFS-Web)
Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Commissioner:

Applicants submit this Amendment and Request for Reconsideration in response to the non-final Office Action mailed on November 26, 2007. The shortened statutory period for response is three months from the mailing date, i.e., by February 26, 2008. The Applicant is concurrently filing a Petition for Extension of Time, extending the deadline for response to March 26, 2008, and thus, this response is timely. Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the record for this application:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the **Listing of Claims** that begin on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks/Argument begin on page 7 of this paper.